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Message:

Dear Governor Cooper,

The Atlantic Coast Pipeline is entirely unnecessary to deliver natural gas to Virginia and North Carolina. Synapse Energy Economics, Institute for Energy Economics and Financial Analysis, and former utility executive Thomas Hadwin have all studied the proposed pipeline and shown that there are sufficient pathways of gas for use in NC and VA. This is a play by Duke Energy, Dominion Energy, and Southern Energy (three of the worst utilities for energy efficiency and climate change denial) to profit off of the abuse of communities. While the utilities claim it will lower electricity prices, these reports (mentioned above) have shown exactly why their claim falls flat. It will unnecessarily raise electricity prices and put the region at risk of natural gas dependence for decades.

Even if we pretend for a moment, that it will lower electricity prices, ask yourself: Is it right to take someone's private land so that others can have lower energy bills? If you and your DEQ approve this pipeline, this is the precedent you are setting. You are sanctioning the ability for private companies to steal homeowners land through eminent domain so that they can earn a profit.

This unnecessary pipeline will have devastating consequences for endangered species, it will pollute waterways, and it will eventually break (as they all do) and explode. Someone will get hurt. Property values along the route will decrease far more than any easement payment will compensate for.

Stop allowing Duke Energy to bully the citizens of North Carolina. This is a \$5.5 billion project that will enrich these utilities at the expense of landowners, ratepayers, and the environment. Instead, NC should be investing in energy efficiency. Southeast Energy Efficiency Alliance showed that a \$20 million investment in energy efficiency gains a return of 387%! We can entirely eliminate the need for new natural gas power in NC if we pursued cost-effective energy efficiency measures that help citizens. For my energy bill, for the homeowners who are losing their land, for the waterways, for my future, and for the goodness of a world that cannot continue to build more fossil fuel infrastructure, do not allow this pipeline.

You pledged to uphold the Paris Agreement. Accepting this pipeline would delegitimize that pledge entirely. Natural gas is not a bridge fuel to a cleaner future.

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